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## CITY WATER AND SEWER PROBLEM CONFRONTED

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OKLAHOMA stands in urgent need of an adequate water supply and improved sewer system. There is no division of opinion on that point.

Oklahoma City, like every other urban community, but not as seriously as most of them, is confronted with a question of unemployed population.

Like an electric thrill comes the announcement that the board of commissioners and the mayor are carefully considering a proposition designed to meet both delinquencies.

### Mayor on Business Aspects

"The best thing for this town to do," said Mayor Overholser, "is to start some kind of employment for the real residents of Oklahoma City who really need and want employment. In my opinion it doesn't make any difference how much money we spend for public improvements if they are needed, and if we get one hundred cents of the dollar for our money. We can set every idle man in Oklahoma City to work we will be the only town in these United States in that condition, and the growth, business conditions and general upbuilding of the city would justify the expenditure of any sum of money voted for needed improvements, and that new business, new industries and new taxable property would in themselves, to say nothing of the increase in value, pay interest on such sums of money. We would give Oklahoma City an impetus that would carry us so far in advance of the other towns that they would be years in overtaking her. If I have anything to do with any public work here while I am mayor the resident taxpayer shall have the first choice and the married man shall have the choice over the single one. I also say that there is an absolute need of storm sewers and believe that these should be built now at the same time the water supply movement is started."

### Street Working on Details

Dr. J. G. Street, commissioner of public property has this to say regarding the new water supply system:

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### MYSTERY WRECK SEEN BY VESSEL

Unidentified Ship Floats Bottom Up in North Sea; No Dead or Living Near

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## EMBRY WILL NOT ARREST NICHOLS

Blewer's Attorney Asks for Warrant Against Chief of Police

### MORE "JOY-RIDE" TESTIMONY

"Bob," Often Mentioned by Witness, Is St. Joe Mo. Hotel Man

By Peter N. Blewer, Jr., and Babe Hobbs, the woman known as his wife at the Northwestern apartments on 20th were arrested today on a warrant issued from the county court charging them with living together. They were originally engaged and gave bond for their appearance.

After the arrests E. J. Oldings of Giddings & Lillard, attorneys for Blewer, went to the office of County Attorney Emery and demanded that Chief of Police Nichols be arrested on the same charge, on the evidence brought out at the depositions being taken before Justice Beall. The county refused to file an information against Chief Nichols.

COUNT ATTORNEY EMBRY, representing the state in the depositions that are being taken in Justice Beall's court in the case again Blewer, charged with receiving stolen property, drags from the witnesses for the defense, who are giving their depositions, some evidence of a conspiracy to discredit Chief of Police Nichols. No admissions of that kind are made by the witnesses, but it becomes apparent from the questions asked by the county attorney.

Chief of Police Nichols will make no statement, but will rely on a trial of the case in court. The depositions up to this time have been by two young women; one of them employed for a short time to locate violators of the prohibitory law. E. J. Helm, former motorcycle officer, who was discharged, and Dell Bruce, driver of the police car, whose statements did not involve the chief in anything that was discreditable.

Saturday morning the deposition of Cleta Doughty, who says she lives at 101 South Cleburne in the home of her sister, was taken. On cross examination she admitted that she had been married to Irvin W. Jones, and that they separated two years ago.

### Nothing Improbable

The witness told of the first ride taken in the police car, but could not fix the date. She said Dell Bruce drove the car and the chief of police sat with him in the front seat. The car picked up Don Lawhead, the reporter, "Babe" Hobbs and the witness at California and Harvey and took them out California, then south on

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### TWO-CENT FARE HEARING JULY 19

Railroads, Federal Judge, Corporation Commissioner and Others Answer Readiness to Resume Trial

A telegram has been received today by A. C. Deede, clerk of the United States district court, from District Judge Frank Gilman, who is sitting at Fort Smith, Ark., informing him that the 2-cent rate railroad cases will be continued until the 19th of July.

George A. Henshaw, corporation commissioner, and Attorney General S. P. Freeling will return home Saturday evening from extended stays in St. Louis and Chicago, where they have been securing information and statistics to be used in the trial of the 2-cent fare case scheduled to be resumed next Monday in the federal court. Judge C. F. Yennings of Little Rock announced some time ago that he would be here to take up the case on the date named.

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The attorney general's office and the corporation commission have been working together for the last three or four weeks securing evidence to be used by the state in support of the contention that the railroads are receiving fair compensation on their investment at the 2-cent rate.

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